Remarks

This Amendment is responsive to the July 3, 2006 Office Action. Reexamination and reconsideration of claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-26, and 28-30 is respectfully requested.

Summary of The Office Action

Applicant's arguments, see amendment, filed 10 April 2006, with respect to claims 1 and 30 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of Davis et al. (US 2002/0059489) has been withdrawn.

Claims 1-10 and 28-30 were allowed.

Claims 16, 24, and 25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-23, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Freeman et al. (US 6,707,574).

The Claims Patentably Distinguish Over the Reference

Claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-23, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Freeman et al. (US 6,707,574).

Independent Claim 11

Claim 11 recites "receiving a user-selection of print options... storing, remotely from the client computing device, the user-selected print options along with a user-identified name for the print options; and subsequently receiving a print request without print options". The Office Action on page 4 cites Freeman, column 3, lines 29-44 as teaching this limitation.

However, Freeman teaches that print jobs contain job attributes and that print jobs are received first and then the attributes are collected and stored. Freeman states:

"FIG. 3 is a block diagram of exemplary explicit job attributes 44 contained within the print job of FIG 2." (Freeman, column 2, lines 54-55) [emphasis added]

Thus, Freeman fails to teach the "receiving a print request without print options" limitation. Furthermore, Freeman explains the process where a print job is received and then its attributes are collected from the print job (see Freeman, column 3, lines 13-18). Therefore, Freeman fails to teach the "subsequently receiving a print request" limitation. Thus, Freeman fails to support a proper §102 and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Since claim 11 recites features not disclosed or suggested by the reference, claim 11 patentably distinguishes over the reference and should be allowed. Accordingly, dependent claim 12 also patentably distinguishes over the reference and is in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 14

Claim 14 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 16. Claim 14 is now believed to be allowable.

Independent Claim 15

Claim 15 recites automatically selecting, based at least in part on one or more characteristics of the print request, a set of print options to be used when printing the document, where the print options are not included with the print request. The Office Action on page 5 cites Freeman column 3, lines 61-67 and column 4, lines 1-15 as teaching this claimed limitation.

Applicant respectfully submits that Freeman fails to teach each and every limitation of claim 15. For example, Freeman fails to teach "where the print option are not included with the print request." Freeman teaches that its system operates with the print options or attributes being contained within a print job. Freeman states:

"FIG. 3 is a block diagram of exemplary explicit job attributes 44 contained within the print job of FIG 2." (Freeman, column 2, lines 54-55) [emphasis added]

Furthermore, Freeman explains a process where a print job is received and then its attributes are collected from the print job (see Freeman, column 3, lines 13-18). Therefore, Freeman fails to support a proper §102 and the rejection should be withdrawn.

As such, Claim 15 patentably distinguishes over the reference and is in condition for allowance. Accordingly dependent claims 17-23, and 26 also patentably distinguish over the reference and are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-26, and 28-30 patentably and unobviously distinguish over the references of record and are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is carnestly solicited.

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